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1. (Amended) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, and a butt; and
a plurality of first metal fibers, defining a first length and longitudinal ends, located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers such that one of the longitudinal ends of each of the first metal fibers is substantially aligned with the tip; and
a plurality of second metal fibers, defining a second length and longitudinal ends, located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers such that one of the longitudinal ends of each of the second metal fibers is substantially aligned with the tip, the second length being greater than the first length.

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3. (Amended) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers includes a group of layers with fibers angled with respect to the longitudinal axis of the shaft and a group of layers with fibers substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

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11. (Amended) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a plurality of third metal fibers defining a third length located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers, the third length being greater than the second length.

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19. (Amended) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, and a butt, at least one of the resin layers being a fiber reinforced resin layer;
and

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a plurality of first metal fibers located between two of the resin layers and defining a first length; and

a plurality of second metal fibers located between two of the resin layers, the second metal fibers being formed from a different metal than the first metal fibers and defining a second length that is greater than the first length.

20. (Amended) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein each of the plurality of resin layers comprises a plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers.

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30. (Amended) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 29, wherein the third metal fibers define a third length and the third length is greater than the second length.